

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	See below		See below	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB925 creates the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act. (1) initiate first steps to accelerate the use and scope of best practices for healthy soil management, (2) protect and improve soil and water quality throughout the state, (3) protect the public's health and enhance agricultural production and profitability, (4) address soil health economics, resource stewardship, and managerial and environmental issues, (5) increase awareness, education, and promotion of healthy soil best practices through producer-to-producer, peer-to-peer, and mentoring relationships, networking, and sharing of technical information, and (6) provide observational proof of healthy soil benefits through access to demonstration and research farms and data.

LB925 achieves this through demonstration farms, voluntary partnerships with other agencies, and education.

LB 925 states intent to appropriate \$250,000 per year from FY 2023 to FY 2027. While it is unknown how much demand for these programs exists, we concur with DNR's assessment that should \$250,000 be appropriated the total amount will be expended. In addition, we concur with DNR's cost assessment for the program facilitator.

As all participation is voluntary, any costs incurred by other agencies and political subdivisions would be solely dependent upon participation.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 925	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Natural Resources	
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/19/2022	PHONE: (402) 471-4173	
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Natural Resources' estimate of fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 925.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 925	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Agriculture	
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/18/2022	PHONE: (402) 471-4173	
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Department of Agriculture's estimate of no fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 925.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 925	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/13/2022	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute with the Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board's estimate of no fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 925.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 925	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Wheat Board
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/18/2022	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Nebraska Wheat Board's estimate of no fiscal impact to the agency as a result of LB 925.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 925	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Lower Platte South NRD
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/13/2022	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute with the Lower Platte South NRD's estimate of no fiscal impact to the district as a result of LB 925.		

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE		
LB: 925	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
REVIEWED BY: Jacob Leaver	DATE: 1/12/2022	PHONE: (402) 471-4173
COMMENTS: No basis to dispute the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's estimate of no fiscal impact to the district as a result of LB 925.		

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Natural Resources

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Ron Theis Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/12/22 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402 471 0577

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	250,000		250,000	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	250,000		250,000	

Explanation of Estimate:

The bill creates the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act and intends appropriating the Department \$250,000 annually from FY22-23 to FY 26-27 for carrying out the purposes. The Act requires the Department to provide legal and technical assistance for creation of a “producer learning community” with specified statewide scope and structure to increase awareness and implementation of best practices for improving soil and water quality. The Act requires the Department to hire a facilitator to lead efforts for organizing the producer learning community and assisting the producer learning community in acquiring gifts, grants, and sponsorships. It is anticipated that this position would be centrally located and traveling 60-70% of the time to meet with producers, sponsors, and other stakeholders.

All expenditures will be used for administrative costs and operational costs. The Department is however unable to accurately estimate certain cost components such as for the Department making lease agreements or other payments or cost shares for demonstration/research farms or grants as identified in the bill. The nature of the market makes it difficult to estimate expenditures to establish lease agreements for demonstration/research farms or costs for potential fund-raising seed-money or promotional needs.

The required annual progress report to Governor and Legislative Committees and necessary legal and accounting functions will require Department staff and resources to support the learning community and new facilitator functions. The Department’s estimated fiscal impact is the expenditures shown annually. There will be an increase for the new employees’ base pay as well as health care expenditures which affects the fiscal impact for FY23-24.

No revenue is shown for either year for the reasons explained in the Technical Note.

Technical Note:

The bill requires the Department to assist the producer learning community in acquiring gifts, grants, and sponsorships. This will require the producer learning community to organize as a legal private entity for the purpose of collecting and disseminating donations and for tax purposes and thus creates operational budget needs for the organization independent of the Department’s administration. Unless a new State fund is created for such donations or some existing fund’s criteria is amended, the Department will not have the necessary legal authority to administer donated funds of the producer learning community and may not receive donated funds for the community’s purposes.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Producer Learning Community Facilitator	1	1	\$92,500	\$94,350
Benefits.....			\$8,300	\$8,300
Operating.....			\$6,500	\$6,630
Travel.....			\$30,000	\$31,500
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....			112,700	109,220
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL			\$250,000	\$250,000

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Department of Agriculture

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Ashley Bonebright Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/11/2022 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-429-2487

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

No fiscal impact.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Kelly Brunkhorst Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 12, 2022 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402.471.2672

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

NO FISCAL IMPACT

As drafted in "Sec. 5. (2) ...The department may collaborate with..." thus our assessment is that this will have no fiscal impact, but maybe just a re-allocation of funds within our budget should the Board choose to collaborate.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-23	2023-24
	22-23	23-24	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization & Marketing Board

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Royce Schaneman, Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/14/22 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-471-2358
Executive Director

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 925 as drafted would have no fiscal impact unless the Wheat Board chooses to collaborate. In that case this would be a re-allocation of funds within the Nebraska Wheat Board budget.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Lower Platte South NRD

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Paul Zillig Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 13, 2022 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402.476.2729

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Explanation of Estimate:

I don't foresee any required expenditures or revenues for the LPSNRD due to LB 925. It is possible that the LPSNRD Board would choose to participate in some fashion which could include an expenditure of funds.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ John Winkler Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ January 12, 2022 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402-444-6222

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>		<u>FY 2023-24</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

No Fiscal Impact to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____